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SUBJECT: EXPORT OF NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT TO INDIA

REF: A. BONN 15258, B. BONN 16577 (OCT '74) NOTAL

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, VIEWS OF ECONMIN OFFICIAL REPORTED REF A DIFFER FROM FRG POSITIONS AND ATTITUDES ADOPTED DURING USG EFFORTS IN PAST TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS TO BLOCK SALE OF GERMAN HEAVY WATER PRODUCTION PLANT TO INDIA. ACCORDINGLY EMBASSY IS CONTINUING TO EXPLORE CURRENT FRG POSITION ON THIS AND RELATED POINTS (I.E. STATE 221593 NOTAL, THIS LATTER VERY DISCREETLY). OUR CONSULTATIONS CONFIRM THAT FRG OFFICIALS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY RELUCTANT TO APPROVE EXPORT OF HEAVY WATER PRODUCTION PLANTS (AS IMPLIED BY PARA 2, REF B). FUTURE EXPORTS WOULD

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PROBABLY BE APPROVED SUBJECT ONLY TO ASSURANCES OF

PEACEFUL USE OF HEAVY WATER PRODUCED -- INCLUDING A SPECIFIC DECLARATION THAT HEAVY WATER WOULD NOT BE USED TO TO ASSIST PRODUCTION OF ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. FRG DID DEMAND SUCH COMPREHENSIVE ASSURANCES WITH RESPECT TO DELIVERY OF ZIRCONIUM TUBING TO INDIA. (REF A AND BONN 2103, FEB. 6, NOTAL). INDIA REFUSED TO GIVE SPECIFIC NON-PNE ASSURANCE REQUESTED AND FRG REFUSED TO APPROVE EXPORT.

2. HOWEVER, IT NOW SEEMS PROBABLE THAT FRG DID, APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AGO, GRANT EXPORT APPROVAL FOR CENTRIFUGAL COMPRESSORS MANUFACTURED BY BORSIG AND TO BE USED IN KOTA, RAJASTHAN, HEAVY WATER PLANT IN INDIA.

3. REQUEST FOR EXPORT LICENSE APPROVAL WAS APPARENTLY PRESENTED BY FRG BUNDESAMT FUER GEWERBLICHE WIRTSCHAFT (FEDERAL BOARD FOR TRADE INSPECTION) TO THREE MINISTRIES INVOLVED; ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY AND FOREIGN OFFICE. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN OFFICE CONTACT, THIS REQUEST WAS APPROVED AFTER SOME DEBATE BECAUSE COMPRESSORS WERE CONVENTIONAL COMPONENTS, NOT RPT NOT AN ESSENTIAL PART OF PLANT INVOLVING TRANSFER OF UNIQUE COMPONENTS OR TECHNOLOGY. FONOFF REP DID NOT, HOWEVER, RECALL HEARING NAME OF BORSIG FIRM AND SPECULATED THAT EXPORT LICENSE REQUEST MAY HAVE BEEN MADE IN NAME OF SOME GERMAN PRIME CONTRACTOR.

4. EMBASSY CONTINUING OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE FRG OFFICIALS AND WILL REPORT FURTHER INFORMATION ASAP.
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